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In re Application of)

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For: HYDROGEN REMOVING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS STATEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ATTN: LICENSING AND REVIEW Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to a communication from the Office dated August 29, 2000, issued pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2182, Applicants submit a declaration stating that their work in connection with their invention was not performed under any contract or other arrangement with the Department of Energy.

If any fee is required for the submission of this declaration, for granting an extension of time and/or for otherwise considering this request, such fee should be charged to deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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